

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a little known but surprisingly common disorder that affects the cells of the brain, causing intellectual impairment in more than two million adult Americans; and,

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease may begin in middle age but occurs most often in the elderly and accounts for 60 percent of nursing home admissions; and,

WHEREAS, The cause of this regressive illness is yet unknown, but researchers have determined that it is not caused by hardening of the arteries, but that it involves the deterioration of nerve endings in the outer layer of the brain; and,

WHEREAS, Often Alzheimer's disease is mistaken for senility, for its victims are most often the elderly who slowly become more confused, disoriented, and childlike; and,

WHEREAS, Public awareness, family support, and education about Alzheimer's disease is essential, for studies show that nearly 15 percent of those over 65 are afflicted with this disease in some form; and,

WHEREAS, Through research there is hope that answers to the questions about this disease may be discovered; and,

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc. (ADDA), Siouxland Chapter, is the first chapter incorporated in the State of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States, has proclaimed the month of November as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 1984, as

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

Alice Kundert
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of October, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Four

William J. Janklow
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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